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Ms. Cathy Curran Myers
Deputy Secretary for Water Management
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
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Dear Ms. Myers:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Bernhart Creek Watershed as submitted to EPA for review and approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) on March 9, 2007. The TMDL was established and submitted in accordance with Sections 303(d)(1)(c) and 303(d)(2) of the Clean Water Act. The TMDL was established to address metals (lead) impairments of water quality, as first identified on Pennsylvania's 1996 Section 303(d) list of impaired waters still needing TMDLs.

As you know, any new or revised National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits with applicable effluent limits must be consistent with the TMDL's wasteload allocation pursuant to 40 CFR §122.44(d)(1)(VII)(B). Any such permit should be submitted to EPA for review consistent with our letter dated October 1, 1998.

If you have further questions, please call me or have your staff contact Mr. Thomas Henry, EPA Region III TMDL Program Manager, at (215) 814-5752.

Sincerely,

John Armstead for

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Water Protection Division

Enclosure

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